

and these he discussed eagerly and at great length. More-over, I believe he spoke exactly his mind. He is not down at bottom anything like as hostile to England as his brother Prince Henry, of whom he is rather jealous, by the way. Prince Henry is, I believe, a more really powerful man than the Kaiser, and a more cold-blooded man; and talking with him afterwards I was by no means sure that he did not have clearly in mind the chance of some day using the German fleet against England if exactly the right opportunity arose, simply on the theory that might rules, and that the one capital crime in international matters is weakness. The Kaiser, however, I am confident, never postulates to him-self such an idea as the conquest of England. This does not mean that I regard his attitude toward England as free from menace. I do not believe that Germany consciously and of set purpose proposes to herself the idea of a conquest of England, but Germany has the arrogance of a very strong power, as yet almost untouched by that feeble aspiration towards international equity which one or two other strong powers, notably England and America, do at least begin to feel. Germany would like to have a strong navy so that whenever England does something she does not like she could at once assume towards Eng-land the tone she has assumed towards France. The Mo-rococo incident shows how far Germany is willing to go in doing what she believes her interest and her destiny de-mand, in disregard of her own engagements

and of the
equities of other peoples. If she had a navy
as strong
as that of England, I do not believe that she
would *intend*
to use it for the destruction of England; but I
do believe
that incidents would be very likely to occur
which might'
make her so use it.

I said to the Emperor that it seemed to me
that a war
between England and Germany would be an
unspeakable
calamity. He answered eagerly that he quite
agreed with
me, that such a war he regarded as
unthinkable; and he
continued: "I was brought up in England, very
largely; I
feel myself partly an Englishman. Next to
Germany I care